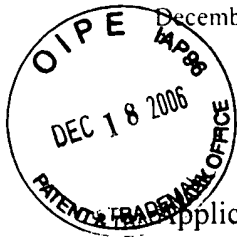


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Application No.: 09/886,659 Group: 2141
Filed: June 21, 2001 Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles
Confirmation No.: 4746
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOGICALLY EXPANDING
THE LENGTH OF A SEARCH KEY

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

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SMALL ENTITY

| | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
|---|--------|---------------|
| X | \$ 25 | \$ |
| X | \$ 100 | \$ |
| + | \$ 180 | \$ |

TOTAL= \$ 0

OR

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| | RATE | ADDIT. FEE |
|---|--------|---------------|
| X | \$ 50 | \$ 0 |
| X | \$ 200 | \$ 0 |
| + | \$ 360 | \$ |

TOTAL= \$ 0

* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

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[X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated August 14, 2006 for 1 month from November 14, 2006 to December 14, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

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